(e) Memorandum of Understanding between of India and the Government of Russian Federation on Co-operation and Collaboration in the field of Indian Traditional System of Medicine and Homoeopathy was signed in June, 1999. Also, we have a "Plan of Co-operation in the field of health & medicine" between the Ministry Health of the Republic of Hungary and the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare of the Republic of India for 2001-2005, signed in December, 2001.

Trauma centres in Government Hospitals

341. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trauma centres available in different Central Government Hospitals in the country, as on today;

(b) whether any such facility is available at State or private hospitals and a list of such centres; and

(c) what amount has been sanctioned to AIIMS for opening such a centre and when it is expected to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As on tpday, no separate trauma centres are available in Central Government Hospitals. However, all these hospitals are well equipped to provide the accident and emergency services including the trauma cases.

(b) 'Health' being a State subject, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare does not maintain such information.

(c) The total project cost of the proposed Trauma Centre at AIIMS is Rs. 54.14 crores and it is expected to be completed / commissioned in 24-26 months after the start of construction, which was done in January, 2002.

Birth and death rate in Orissa

342. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both the birth rate and death rate are high in Orissa in comparison to the national average;